

**METHODS AND DEVICES FOR REMOVING AN  
OBSTRUCTION FROM A BLOOD VESSEL**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 The devices and methods of the invention are directed to various aspects of  
removing obstructions in a blood vessel. A power source may be provided to facilitate  
advancement of the device and engagement with the obstruction. The obstruction removal  
device may have alternating large and small sections or may have one or more loops. In  
another aspect, the obstruction removal device may have alternating sections wound with  
filament and substantially exposed sections.

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